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THE WAR BAG. Stories of the War first Published in the Sixties.

I belonged to the horse cavalry survive, who, if questioned, would of old Bedford, so called, in con-tra-distinction to the foot cavalry tar-heel) ran the blockade with his of old Stonewall. We would go never failing war-bag.

out foraging sometimes, and our experience was very varied, and Every soldier knows how angry our success equally so. I never the boys will get, when tired and got completely put out but once, weary, if a bungling or martinet and that was by a good old coun. officer is long in putting them in try-woman, in Upper Georgia. I | position. On the night of the 6th knocked at the door of a rather of May, 1864, after a hard day's rude hut, and on being invited to enter, found the old lady of the house knitting a pair of socks and back and forward until a Yankee her daughter carding by her side. bullet would almost have been wel-She gave me a look, partly benevo. comed. One of Wright's Georlent, partly curious, and partly for-bidding, and then broke in with of the baffled and befooled brigade and hallooed in a voice, which was the query:

heard above the growls, mutters and 'cuss-words.' "Boys, why do You belong to a critter company doesn't you?

n't you swap General -Cavalry soldier. Yes, madam. Old Lady. (Turning to her for a brush pile and set it on fire?" Dutch cavalryman in the Yankee daughter.) Thar now, Lizer Jane The brigade soon got into position! Battle, one of the 11th lassed a Dutch cavalryman in the Yankee service. He was a fat, thickset, here's one of them critter company soldiers and me just done throwin' Maj. W. was so persecuted with

sow's pigs! , a stalwart and that he was willing to die. He had Mike Djolly Irishman, living in Missouri, twenty seven specimens of oaths interest to the surrounding rebs. had long desired to vote, but was inflicted upon him by military offiafraid to try to register, as it was cials, binding him to support every well known he was a Democrat, sort of political party, and in every and no loyal Registrar will enroll possible way. He had been sworn one of that persuasion in "free in and out, back and forward, Missouri." Just before the regis-tration day, Mike came out to the so naturally that whenever a stran-

disgust of his friends and the de-light of the "trooly loil," in favor of "nager aquality." He forestall-ed all argument by declaring the he was ready and willing to "bate any mon who daffered in opinion truly loyal, and he began to hope

with him." He was of course reg-istered without difficulty, and his stood "and that no more oaths vote being now secure beyond all would be required of him.

peradventure, he explained what he meant by negro equality. "What I mane by nager aquality by thirty boys in blue. Boniface BIOGRAPHIC NOTES. Among the earliest settlers of the Elk region was Joseph Han-*R.S. RUCKER*, *ATTT. AT LAW & NOTARY PUBLIC* "What I mane by nager aquality by thirty boys in bide. Donnace is this. d'ye mind, that one nager *ATTT. AT LAW & NOTARY PUBLIC* "What I mane by nager aquality by thirty boys in bide. Donnace is this. d'ye mind, that one nager *is aqual to another nager, and I'll beld up his right hand, and put on the linish emigrant who lived at the Melinda Catherine is Mrs J. Ellis*

Yankee. What de & yeou mean by standing thar with yeour hand mention was made of his parents

minds of soldiers naturally came was married to the late George up, and the length of the war and Gibson, near Marlinton; Martha its probable results were fully dis- Susan, now Mrs James Gibson; Amanda Pleasant, the wife of Wil-"Well, lieutenant," said the surliam Lee Hambrick; Mary Ellen geon, "after this much experience in the army, what do you think of who died young. Joseph Bryson war?' Hannah. late a merchant at Frost, The lieutenat looked out on the and whose wife was Elizabeth falling torrents, and visions of a

Moore, daughter of the late Isaac cosy room at home, and decanters and glasses passed before him, heaving a deep sigh, he answered: "I am no military man doctor, was Martha Moore, daughter of and therefore I am not able to ex- Samuel and Nancy Beale Moore,

press any opinion upon military matters, but I regard war as the most gigantic temperance movenear Marlinton. His children-Georgiana, Davis, Albert, Virgie, ment the world ever saw... Effie, Clark, Hugh, Feltner, Jane,

Lee, Freddie. Andrew Warwick At the battle of Lebanon, Ten-Hannah, who wife was Dora Hannessee, the 11th Texas cavalry benah, daughter of Henry White, longed to John Morgan's command. near Driscol. His children Levie It was made up of a set of brave and reckless men, thoroughly ac- Sadie, Lucy, Mary, Maggie, Besquainted with all the peculiar ac- sie, Marvin. William Hamilton complishments of their section, in-Hannah, who married Sarah White cluding the use of the lasso. Their

sister of the person just mentionskill with the lasso was often made available in procuring them certain ed. Their children Andrew, Willuxuries, such as fat pig, fat turkey lie, Myrta, Forest, Brysan, Carrie and fat chicken. On the day of the George_Luther Haunah married battle, one of the 11th lassoed a Emma Bell McClure, daughter of Arthur McClure, on Locust. She surly fellow, with a stolid counteexpired suddenly while attending nance, and as he sat squarely on public worship in Mary Gibson

all the batter milk to the yaller oath-taking during the four years his horse, giving a grunt of dissat. Chapel a few years ago, much laof war that Boniface grew aweary isfaction when a playful twitch was mented by attached friends and made on the rope round his neck, relatives. Henry Hannah, Peter Hannah, and John Hannah junior Approaching General Morgan, the died young during the late sad war Texan saluted him respectfully and between the States of our glorious told him that he had captivated the Union.

Dutchman at the end of his line. David Hannah, son of the "Old Dutchy blurted out, "Ish you General Morgans?" Field" pioneer, married Hester The General replied in the affir-

in prehistoric times. One of the

most frequented Indian trails

r-r-ope rount mit his neck, so like is in our power to give. a tampt tog. Dish is von hell's of

Sarab Hannah was married to a vay of vitin mit a tam r r-ope!" Silas Sharp, and settled near Linwood. Her son Luther David is a **BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.** well-known merchant at the old homestead. Her daughters Mary

mouth of Locust Creek. Some Hannah at the "Old Field." Henry Hannah married Marga"Your pills are the best in the world. I used to be annoyed with constipation until I began using them. Now I have no trouble of that kind any more and I attribute my recovery to the use of your valu-able medicine. In the springtime of the year I always take your #

body has tested the virtue of

The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until every-

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years of age, and his widowed Richard Hill, Adam Bumgardner, daughter Mrs Lizzie Hall, who is one Mullins, and a colored man devoting her useful life to the care named Dick. Young Hannah and and comfort of her aged father. Dick were hoeing corn. The par-This assistance is hereby grateful- ty just mamed explained to Dick ly recognized, hoping they may what they were up to and Dick feel it was not time or effort spent cheerfully promised to act his part. in vain in this attempt to keep While the two were hoeing away a their friends from being forgotton, shot was fired from ambush, Dick and thus preserve a knowledge of fell and made a dreadful outcry. their ancestral and family relation- rolled and kicked about in seemingly terrible agony. Young Josship.

Joseph Hannah was a person of eph Hannah fled precipitately toimpressive personal appearance, wards the house and in the race His memory was remarkably re- leaped a gally. When matters tentive and his conversational pow- came to be understood and quiet ers something wonderful. He had restored, and Dick having gotten committed to memory, it is believ- over his make-believe sufferings, ed by some, the greater portion of the leap was measured and it was the Bible, and he could recite the forty-two feet from track to track. Scriptures for hours at a time,- Mr Hannah was fond of telling his Sickafoose from lower Crabbottom, having a special preference for friends that he had "jumped the the historical narratives of the decree." Forty feet was the "depatriarchs and the wanderings 'cree." "Decree" meant what "reof the Israelites and the con- cord" now means in races and athquest of the promised land letic games. In "jumping the deunder Joshua. He saw in these cree" he "broke the record" by two historical narratives illustrations of feet.

the life now to be lived by Christ- When the writer first rememian people, and it was one of the bers seeing Mr Hannah he was of greatest pleasures of his old age very venerable appearance. His to have his neighbors assemble grey hair was combed back and and repeat these narratives in their plaited in a cue that hung down presence. The same God that led between his shoulders. The last Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Josh- time I ever saw him we were spend. ua was now the one to take care of ing the night at Sampson Ochelhumble, believing people amid the tree's, in the winter of 1849. The Elk mountains and lead them thro two old men were in busy conversorrows night and danger's gloom. sation until a late honr, and most His idea seemed to be that since of the talk was about the children. Hannah married Leah Grimes, all the good men in the Bible have of Israel and the dealings of God. passed over to the promised rest, The fire was getting low, the can-God would make it his special bus- dle about burned out, when mothiness to care for and help along er Ocheltree observed it was about those who were trying to be but time to get ready for bed. At this strangers and pilgrims in the earth. suggestion Mr Hannah arose and He seemed to be fully persuaded in a very soft solemn tone repeatthat God cared just as much for ed the words and then sang: him in the lonely recesses of the

forest wilderness of the Elk region

as he once cared for Moses during

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During the war, the Confederate up? Boniface. Every officer who be repeated here. Quite early in prisoners at Rock Island were comes here swears me to something this century he married Elizabeth guarded by negro soldiers recruited at the South. Upon one occa. and I suppose you are going to sion one of these sentinels hailed put me through like the rest. am ready.

Yankee. Waal, yeou are smairt. the late Robert Burnsides. Soon I'll swear yeou. Yeou dew sol- after marriage he settled on the emply swear yeou will get the best "Old Field Fork of Elk."

dinner yeou ken for 30 men in 30 Prisoner-I am going to get His home was on Mill Run near minutes. There now yeou are where William Hannah. a grand-Loyal negro-G'lang Back. You through. Attention company! Prepare to dismount! Dismount son, now lives. This immediate done tole two tale about whar you vicinity seems to have been a place Boniface never came out again

On another occasion, a prisoner to meet his guests with uplifted of more than ordinary importance seeing a negro sentinel with his hand. arms folded over his gun in the

rain, trying to keep himself warm. During the time that Allen ocmade a rush past the careless sen cupied the gubernatorial chair of tinel and made his escape. The Louisana, he issued an order renegro was so much astonished that quiring all men, young and old, to Spring, thence over the mountain, he forgot his gun, but called hastiorganize into companies of minute crossing at the notch near Clark ly for the corporal of the guard: men, whose duty it was to drilland Rider's farm; thence down by "Corporal of de ge-ard, corporal of be ready to assist the regular Conde ge ard, come here quick. One federate forces in case of State inwhite man clar gone and de Lord vasion. On one occasion the minknow how many more is comin'." ute men of Bienville Parish, had which was noticed, evidently, by

been ordered out to serve a mock the Indians, and at the point mid-Those who belonged to the Ar- campaign of a week's duration. As way between the east and west of Northern Virginia know they came "marching home with horizon a symbolic circle was conthat to "run the blockade" was a gay and gallant tread," the whole very difficult thing, altho very fre- command was halted before a log quently it was done, regardless of cabin to permit an old man to go martial law or anything else. out of the ranks. Forthwith there ing each other. One light, the forest, he had a tannery, a black- and who is prepared to say that he While the issued from its doorway, a numer- other darkness. The day seems to regiment was in camp near Orange Court House, ous progeny of Confederate tow-Va., Tom S-- received permisheads, joyfully crying: sion to "go to town," took his "war "Yonder's daddy! yonder's dadbag" which han been previously dy!" Indian medicine man saw it-and "Hush! hush! children," arranging by placing two black said the fond father, softly, waving this marked the process that seem-bottles (one filled with water) of them back with his hand. "I want ed to destroy something while the same size and with corks alike, to see if the old woman will know making other things alive. It was he sallied forth without a cent in me with my soldier clothes on." his pocket, except one dollar of the here religious rites of more than

"promise to pay," which he soon In the summer and fall of 1861, ordinary solemnity were perform-spent at one of the Sutler's tents it was the misfortune of quite a ed preparatory for hunting and for for a tin of cider and a gunger. He number of young men, who wore war. Nearly a mile further down sauntered around until he found the grey jacket, to be stationed for was the encampment where about the homestead. Mary Barlow is ferred to as an eye-witness of the the place, where some of the boys many weeks upon Valley Mountain told him a fellow sold liquor on the in West Virginia. Nobody who sly, when entering he struch a bar- was there can forget how the rain ed of trees for camp fires, and this part of the homestead. It was the personal knowledge of it. Mr Hangain, that is, he was to pay \$25, cash, for one quart of brandy. Tom quietly pulled out his bottle which quietly pulled out his bottle which is bottle which cash, for one quart of brandy. Tom quietly pulled out his bottle which cash, for one quart of brandy. Tom quietly pulled out his bottle which cash, for one quart of brandy. Tom quietly pulled out his bottle which cash, for one quart of brandy. Tom quietly pulled out his bottle which the mater which foll upon those the first piece of ground planted Elizabeth Hannah, 'daug

ned to his "war-bag," though very everlasting hills. "Rations were by Joseph Hannah. quietly; then feeling in his pocket he found, as he said to the dealer in liquor, that "he had left his virginia regiment, was sitting at in liquor, that "he had left his virginia regiment, was sitting at in liquor, that "he had left his virginia regiment, was sitting at in liquor, that "he had left his virginia regiment, was sitting at in liquor, that "he had left his virginia regiment, was sitting at virginia regiment, was sitting at pocket-book in the pants that he his tent door on one one of those pulled off in camp." "That is very bleak, gloomy days, wondering if did a good part in the development bad," said the liquor man. "Thun-deration," said Tom, "it is too bad, of this thrifty section of our county. In reference to their children but you just place this bottle and whipping the Yankees, when a the following particulars are given. contents up there on that shelf and Tennessee lieutenant came along Joseph, William, Robert, and wait till I see a friend who is out looking the very picture of woe. here, so that I can get the money, Rumor said that the lieutenant was Sally died in childhood or early ck," and at the too fond of his cups when at home vouth

me time handed him a bottle, but here he was of necessity John Hannah married Mary which was set aside as requested, member of a Total Abstinence So-Tom went on his way rejoicing ciety. The Doctor, a wag in his that he had made such a good ex- way, and at all times ready and Sharp, daughter of Joseph Sharp, near Frost, east Pocahontas. Their ottle of water for a willing to beguile an idle hour with children were Sarah Jane, who beame Mrs Aaron Fowlkes: Marga-

in a former sketch that need not ret McClure, and is now a merchant at Renick's Valley, Greenbries County. Burnsides, on the Greenbrier east

Another son Rev George P. of Hillsboro. She was a sister of and his residence is at Rural Dale. Upshur County.

> Melinda Hannah, a daughter of David Hannah, is now Mrs John Rose, and resides in Webster county near the Randolph border.

Mary Hannah was married to Samuel Gibson and settled near the parental homestead.

Otho and Joseph Hannah died seems to have been from Clover young. Lick up the creek to the Thomas

the forty years he was handling Jane Hannah, daughter of the sheep in the desert wilds of Horeb. pioneer, was married to the late That with God there was no differ-Joseph Barlow, one of the sons of ence between Elk and Horeb, or if the venerated John Barlow, once there was a difference it was in James Gibson's to Elk. Here the of Stony Creek, and lived on Red favor of Elk. The man 'of Horeb valley runs due east and west, Lick Mountain; settling in the un- was now sale at homo, while the broken forest and built up a nice man on Elk was far away from home. Mr Barlow was occupied home and needed special grace to in a variety of industries in his help him on in his duties. Such mountain home. In connexion seemed the filial way he reasoned structed representing two colossal with clearing many acres of dense about God and his relations to God, rattlesnakes in the act of swallowsmith shop, cooper shop, made and was not right in thinking that as swallow the night and the night repaired shoes, and could do neat a father pities his children so the seems to swallow the day-as the cabinet work and carpenter work Lord pities those that fear him.

also. The number and variety of fruit-trees planted around his home ed to destroy something while is the wonder and admiration of al that have ever seen his orchard.

Duncan and lives on a section of Levels. Joseph Hannah was retwo acres of land had been denud- now Mrs Amos Gay and lives on a dreadful affair or as having some poured down day and night thro was the "old field" that gave this writer's pleasure to officiate at both nah's children solemnly declare marriages. Martha Barlow is in that they never heard their father say a word about such an occur-Elizabeth Hannah, daughter of rence happening to anybody in the Elk pioneer, was married to this county under any circumstan- hundred counties at the assessed

> Huttonsville, is her son. Mary Hannah, another daughter of the venerable pioneer, was married to Henry Buzzard, and settled on Cummings Creek, near Huntersville.

endered by his son, John Han-

to look after the live stock in the Thus far has the writer been range. He went to fort [frequentable to review the family history ly with his family in his youth of Joseph Hannah, who was an in- and early manhood. He was reteresting character in the pioneer markably active in his movements control a billion mills, and are history of Elk, with the assistance and very fleet of fool. He would

log-heap.

often tell of a jump he

"The day is past and gone, The evening shades 'appear; O may we all remember well The night of death draws near.

Lord, keep us safe this night, Secure from all our fears; May angels guard us while we

sleep Till morning light appears." He then knelt in prayer and oured out his full heart in humble, trusting prayer,-in the tone and manner of a loving child to a kind and more loving father. The memory of that prayer, heard nearly fifty years ago, imparts a pleasant glow to my feelings while writing these memorial sentences.

W. T. P.

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Some years since an article writ-IT is not often we find a questten by a distinguished minister in ion and reply more to the purpose Bath County stated that Simon than the following instance: "Do Girty, the renegede, was summari- you enjoy novel reading?" "Yes; Mr and Mrs Barlow were the pa- ly put to death by being burned in one can associate with people in rents of two daughters and one a log-heap by an enraged and des- fiction that one would n't dare to son. Silas Barlow married Miss perate party of men in the Little speak to in real life.'

> IN THE prevailing talk about wealth, it may have occurred to few that the richest man in the world is Li Hung Chang, with his finger nails nearly a foot long. His wealth is put down at five hundred million dollars, and he could buy five value of Pocahontas. The next is John Rockfeller with one hundred and eighty millions placed to his seen near the city of Detroit, so he credit. Then come the Duke of was not burned in a Pocahontas Westminster, Colonel North, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Woh Qua. When a mere lad Joseph Hanwith a hundred million each. nah was sent by his father to Elk These six persons control over a billion dollars. We know of six men, as good by nature and far better by practice, who cannot money kings too in their neighbor-